# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3174
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LAUNCHING OF INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE BY TCIL
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) propose to launch its internet access service; and

(b) if so, the details and location thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) TCIL has submitted the proposal to Govt. for approval for forming an Internet Company named as Internet Express Ltd. in association with a foreign Company and Punjab National Bank as per this proposal TCIL will hold 46% equity in the Internet Express Ltd.. After approval of Government, initially the service shall be launched in 5 major cities of the country viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkatta, Chennai & Bangalore.